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- 24 were observed at 25X1
- number of soldiers practiced
- training ground south of the
- with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed.
- On the occasion of this drill practice it was determined that the 25-mm AA gun had a detachable shield and, when being emplaced, was supported by an outrigger-type gun mount with its wheels being placed about 25 cm over the ground level. Five T-34 tanks were parked in the area of the repair shop at 109 - 111 Trost Strasse. Twenty-three counted and another estimated 12 motor vehicles inclusive of trucks 25X1
- were observed at the garage at 85 Pernerstorfer Gasse. 25X1
2. On 11 June 1955, 5 armored scout cars and 4 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the open in the southern section of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal correctional Institute) in Traiskirchen where 2 tank trucks. 38 motor vehicles which included trucks 25X1
- were also parked under shedroofs. Two lieutenant colonels and 4 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 2 majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and driving-school truck all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and van-like motor vehicle were observed at the installation. About 30 soldiers received field training at the training ground 750 meters southeast of the installation. Fresh imprints caused by track-laying vehicles led to this site. ² 25X1
3. From 24 May to 5 June 1955, no Soviet troop shipments departed from the Bruck on the River railroad station toward Hegyeshalom. On 26 May 1955, the Soviet guard at the Hegyeshalom railroad station was reinforced by 30 men who were equipped with short rifles with stable bayonets. ³ 25X1

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

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1.  Comment. The Trost Kaserne quarters the 44th Gds Mecz Regt of the 15th Gds Mecz Div which is presumably located in the area of its station. It is for the second time that 25-mm AA guns are reported from this installation.
2.  Comment. The 45th Gds Mecz Regt of this division is apparently also still located in the area of its station.
3.  Comment. The reinforcing of the guard at the Hegyeshalom railroad station tends to indicate that an increase in the number of ~~aircraft~~ shipments which is possibly due to the ~~expected~~ *evacuation* of East Germany is expected.

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- On 11 June 1955, 5 armored scout cars and 4 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the open in the southern section of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal correctional Institute) in Traiskirchen where 2 tank trucks, [] and 38 motor vehicles which included trucks [] were also parked under shedroofs. Two lieutenant colonels and 4 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 2 majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and driving-school truck [] all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and van-like motor vehicle [] were observed at the installation. About 30 soldiers received field training at the training ground 750 meters southeast of the installation. Fresh imprints caused by track-laying vehicles led to this site.²
- From 24 May to 5 June 1955, no Soviet troop shipments departed from the Bruck on the Leitha River railroad station toward Hegyeshalom. On 26 May 1955, the Soviet guard at the Hegyeshalom railroad station was reinforced by 30 men who were equipped with short rifles with stable bayonets.³

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2. Comment. The 45th Gds Mecz Regt of this division is apparently also still located in the area of its station.
3. Comment. The reinforcing of the guard at the Hegveshalom railroad station tends to indicate that an increase in the number of eastbound shipments which is possibly due to the **evacuation** of East Austria is expected.

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